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SUBJECT: USU Policy on Network Wireless Devices

Reference: *See Enclosure 1*

A. Purpose

The USU Network is a government-owned system and connection to the network through wireless devices is subject to Federal guidelines. Wireless devices cover a broad spectrum of telecommunication devices, such as Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), laptop computers, and mobile phones with embedded wireless network cards. PDAs are addressed under a separate policy memorandum. All USU employees, students, and contractors will comply with this policy memorandum.

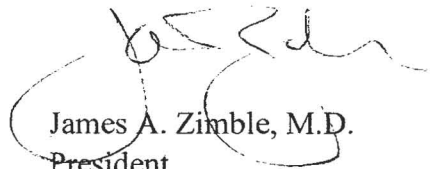
B. Policy and Guidelines

Wireless devices must adhere to the following DOD guidelines:

- (a) Wireless devices circumvent traditional perimeter firewalls; therefore, established network protections to prevent unauthorized access are ineffective.
- (b) If improperly implemented, a wireless device allows an outside, unauthorized user an USU IP address, with all the access offered to a "trusted" authenticated user.
- (c) Advances in wireless signaling technology has increased transmission distances, creating a greater risk of unauthorized reception.
- (d) Wireless devices will only be connected to the USU network upon the approval of Information Management Services Center (UIS).
- (e) Wireless devices will not be used to access sensitive administrative information, for example, social security numbers or financial data.
- (f) As with the USU wired network, wireless network authentication must satisfy the password requirements as outlined in the USU Password Policy.
- (g) Additional clarification or guidance on each type of technology may be obtained from UIS.

(h) UIS is responsible for oversight, compliance, and support of the USU Network Wireless Policy. Support can be obtained by contacting the UIS Help Desk, located in Room G007, telephone 295-9800.

C. **Effective Date:** This PPM is effective immediately.



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REFERENCE

- (a) DoD Directive 8500.1, "Information Assurance," October 29, 2000